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Governor-Elect Kathleen Sebelius Appoints Six to Her Cabinet

TOPEKA—Governor-Elect Kathleen Sebelius is pleased to announce six more appointments to her Cabinet. She says, "I am working to assemble a Cabinet of individuals who represent the broad array of talent in our state and will work together as we tackle the challenges before us."

First, Sebelius has asked two current Cabinet members who now serve under Governor Bill Graves to remain in her administration: Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Janet Schalansky and Wildlife and Parks Secretary Former Governor Mike Hayden.

Governor-Elect Sebelius says, "Janet has done an incredible job persevering through challenging times as the Secretary of SRS the past three years. While we struggle to stretch existing resources to meet the needs of vulnerable Kansans, Janet's expertise and compassion will be valuable."

"Wildlife and Parks Secretary Mike Hayden brings a unique experience to the Cabinet team. He is well respected as a former legislator and House Speaker, Governor and as the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. Hunting and fishing are ways of life in Kansas, and preservation of our parks and recreation areas are vital to the quality of life for all Kansans. I am happy we have Mike to continue working to enhance the Kansas treasures," Governor-Elect Sebelius says.

Deb Miller has been appointed as Secretary of Transportation. Governor-Elect Sebelius says, "Deb's years of experience in the Kansas Department of Transportation have earned her the respect and admiration of many. Deb has worked closely with city and county governments and has consulted on transportation issues. She knows the system and has been instrumental in strategic development, policy, and federal contact and analysis. Her knowledge and experience will be key as we proceed with transportation planning and projects in the future."

Governor-Elect Sebelius has appointed Roderick Bremby as her Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She says, "I'm delighted to bring new talent and energy into this Administration, in an agency so critical to all Kansans. Rod Bremby's experience with research and promotion of community health initiatives in Lawrence will be most beneficial to KDHE and

the people it serves. Rod spent 10 years as the Lawrence Assistant City Manager, and has been actively involved in a wide range of community initiatives. Rod understands the critical connection between the health and well-being of Kansans and the protection and regulation of our environment.”

Jim Garner will serve as Acting Secretary of Human Resources. “Jim Garner’s efforts on workforce development were important during his tenure in the House. Jim has also been very concerned with the issues impacting Kansas workers, including worker’s compensation and unemployment insurance. He is ideally suited to lead this agency that is so vital to growing the Kansas economy,” Sebelius says.

Former Topeka Mayor and former legislator Joan Wagnon has agreed to serve as the Acting Secretary of Revenue. Governor-Elect Sebelius says, “Joan has been a long-time friend and colleague. Her leadership on the Tax Committee in the House makes her ideally suited to this important position. We need to focus on collecting revenue owed to Kansas and I am delighted that Joan has joined this effort.”

Two Cabinet members already named are Lt. Governor John Moore, Secretary of Commerce, and Howard Fricke, Secretary of Administration.

Bios on six Cabinet members named today available to be faxed upon request. To obtain bios, use the phone number above and ask for Megan Ingmire.

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